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## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 29, 2002. With the enclosed request for a one-month extension of time, this Amendment is due November 29, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, line 24 - page 2, line 2, with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix):

a The abrasive material may completely cover or alternatively may only partially cover the surface of the backing plate. One particular style of abrasive disc uses an annular ring of abrasive material applied to the backing plate such that the inner radial boundary of the abrasive material is concentric with the backing plate. Examples of abrasive discs having an annulus of abrasive material include flap discs, non-woven surface conditioning discs, and grinding wheels.

[ Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 13 - 15, with the following paragraph (marked up version attached in Appendix):

a2 When relatively flexible backing plate materials are used, the backing plate tends to undesirably curl or otherwise become misshapen. Further, it can be more difficult to adequately secure the fastener to the backing plate.

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